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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, PFOR  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI'S TRIP TO FRANCE

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ INFORMED ME MAY 28  
THAT PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI WILL BE PAYING FORMAL VISIT TO  
FRANCE FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 3. HE EXPLAINED THAT VISIT  
IS PRIMARILY SYMBOLIC IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE YEMEN'S EMERGENCE  
ONTO WORLD SCENE. YEMENIS, HOWEVER, WILL ALSO BE SEEKING  
TO INTEREST FRENCH IN INVESTMENT AND COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES  
IN YEMEN.

2. COMMENT: AL-HAMDI'S RECENT VISITS ABROAD HAVE FOR THEIR  
PURPOSE, AS AL-ASNAJ POINTS OUT, THE ENHANCEMENT OF YEMEN'S  
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE BUT ALSO AT SAME TIME AL-HAMDI'S INTERNAL  
PRESTIGE. THE VISIT TO FRANCE WILL BE AL-HAMDI'S FIRST TO  
THE WEST. DESPITE SOME POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL COMPETITION FOR  
AMERICAN FIRMS WHICH MAY RESULT, THE VISIT IS CERTAINLY  
WELCOME BALANCE TO AL-HAMDI'S RECENT TRIPS TO COMMUNIST  
CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.

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